

NBIG NEWS

National Boating Infrastructure Grant

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Acting Governor

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Commissioner

Belmar Marina receives \$1.5 million award

Richard Gimello, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Executive Director of Intermodal Services, presented Belmar Mayor



Kenneth E. Pringle with a \$1.5 million award on May 27. The grant will be used to construct three new floating docks for 57 transient slips with amenities that include electricity, water and telephones at Belmar Marina.

It was the largest Tier 2 National Boating Infrastructure Grant awarded for FY 2003.

Gimello extended special thanks to Alberto Ortiz, of the US Fish and Wildlife Services; Robbin Kirk, Belmar Chief Financial Officer and staff of NJDOT's Bureau of Environmental Program Resources for their work on the project.

Richard Gimello, NJDOT Executive Director of Intermodal Services, presents Kenneth E. Pringle, Belmar Mayor and Robbin Kirk, Belmar Chief Financial Officer with the ceremonial check.

Tuckerton Seaport gets preliminary Tier 2 grant OK

Tuckerton Seaport is among 18 proposals reviewed, ranked and recommended for funding by a panel of US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) employees and the **NBIG** Subcommittee of the Sport Fish and Boating Partnership Council.

Three Tier 2 Proposals to improve transient facilities for boaters in Maine, South Carolina and Virginia were awarded a total of \$1.2 million. The final list of proposals funded is contingent on the budget authorized by Congress later this year.

In addition to Tuckerton Seaport, NJDOT also submitted FY 2005 Tier 2 proposals for the Farley State Marina and the Lincoln Harbor Yacht Club.

The USFWS received 33 proposals for federal funding totalling \$15 million for the Tier 2 portion of the **NBIG** program for FY 2005. Additionally, states requested \$3.5 million in funding from the Tier 1 portion of the **NBIG** program for FY 2005.

The NJDOT has received over \$1.8 million to date in **NBIG** funds for:

- Belmar Municipal Marina — FY 2002, 2003
- Farley State Marina — FY 2002
- Seaview Harbor — FY 2003
- Grassy Sound Marina — FY 2003, 2004
- Palisades Interstate Park Commission — FY 2005
- Spencer's Bayside Marina — FY 2005

NBIG, CVA Region 5 Workshop held in Norfolk, VA

New Jersey received accolades from USFWS staff at the National Boating Infrastructure Grant and Clean Vessel Act Region 5 Workshop in Norfolk, VA in May.

The NJDOT Maritime Resources Web site on proposal preparation, the content and presentation of final reports and the grant writing skills of staff were also commended and suggested as a model for other states.

Representatives from Massachusetts, Virginia, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Maryland, Connecticut and New York attended the workshops. Topics included: Changes in the National Clean Vessel Act and **NBIG** Programs; CVA Funded Pump-out Systems; Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines; Recreational Marinas; National Clean Marina Program and Grant Writing.



Region 5 participants listen to a presentation at the NBIG and CVA Workshop.

Maritime staff members receive Award of Excellence

Genevieve Boehm, Carol Gaunt and Linda Forrester of NJDOT's Maritime Resources Office received a New Jersey State Employees Customer Service Excellence Award for their work with New Jersey's marine trades community. The ceremony was held at the War Memorial in Trenton in May.

The three women were nominated by Manager Michael Riley for implementing the **NBIG** Program, I BOAT NJ, Coast Day initiatives and the 2004 Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Summit.

NBIG grant deadline is September 1

The New Jersey Department of Transportation's Office of Maritime Resources is currently accepting Letters of Interest for FY 2006 funding under the National Boating Infrastructure Grant (NBIG) Program, should it be reauthorized and funded by Congress.

Interested parties must review the Federal Register NBIG Final Rule (50 CFR Part 86) regarding the particulars of the program at <http://federalaid.fws.gov/BIG/bigfinalrule.pdf>.

NBIG FY 2006 proposals are due by Noon, September 1, 2005. Program guidelines may be found at www.njdot.nj.gov/works/maritime.

Senate signs extension of transportation bill

The short term extension of the transportation bill, known as SAFETEA, provides only partial funding for the FY 2005 **NBIG** Program. Approximately \$1.5 million is currently available for Tier 2 proposals. The program may be funded another \$2.7 million later this year when Congress takes further action on the bill. In FY 2006 total funding for **NBIG** is expected to increase from \$8 million to \$10 million.



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